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## **Sanborn Joins Colleagues in Announcing Operation Adopt-A-Family Program**

*Program Aimed at Assisting Families of Deployed Service Members*

(LANSING) – State Senator Alan Sanborn joined several of his Senate colleagues at a press conference calling on citizens and organizations to participate in Operation Adopt-A-Family, a program designed to assist families of deployed military personnel while their loved ones are deployed around the world.

“With the number of troops that have been deployed overseas, Operation Adopt-A-Family is a terrific endeavor designed to assist families of military personnel with the day-to-day support they need,” Sanborn, R-Richmond, said. “Most of us already keep our troops and their families in our daily thoughts and prayers and, through this program, we can now provide direct support to help alleviate some of their day-to-day concerns.”

The Operation Adopt-A-Family will provide assistance to families in three ways:

- Local Organizations will be enlisted to help families in their search to alleviate hardships directly resulting from the deployment of their spouses or parents,
- Partnerships will be formed between the local organizations and public service groups within communities to maintain an “active” relationship with the families of Michigan’s deployed military personnel,
- Support will be generated from the general public and the Legislature to provide funding for the Family Support Network.

The program came about as a result of conversations between State Senators Laura Toy, R-Livonia, Valde Garcia (a former Army Officer), R-Howell and Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau. As the concept for the program began to take shape they enlisted the support of their Senate colleagues to help recruit support and spread the word.

Organizations wishing to participate may contact Senator Sanborn’s Office, or the office of their own Senator, to learn how to become involved in their communities.

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**Editor’s Note: A downloadable photograph of the Operation Adopt-A-Family press conference is available on the Senate Majority Photowire at:**  
<http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire>.